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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING  
OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2001 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please enter the following amendments to the specification:

Page 6, please insert the following paragraph after paragraph 5:

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Figure 6 is another diagrammatic view of a plasma surfacing system in which the movement of the heating and injection means is shown.

Page 6, paragraph 6 (after DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT):

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Figures 1 and 6 show a plasma surfacing system including an enclosure 1 which has a transparent window 2, a preform 3 which is seen end on (in Fig. 1) and onto which are directed a